

Milwaukee County

Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., 7th District

1st Vice-Chairman, County Board

Chairman, Transportation, Public Works & Transit Committee

For Immediate Release December 9, 2010 Contact: Harold Mester, Public Information Manager 414/278-4051 or harold.mester@milwcnty.com

SUPERVISOR MAYO STATEMENT ON HIGH-SPEED RAIL

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., released the following statement regarding federal funding for high-speed rail in Wisconsin:

"The decision to pull funding for high-speed rail in Wisconsin is a serious blow to economic development in Wisconsin. I am disappointed that these dollars are being sent to boost the economies of other states like California, Florida and Illinois. Instead, these federal dollars should be redirected to shore up funding for existing mass transit in Milwaukee County, which is at risk of entering a death spiral.

"The Milwaukee County Transit System has serious needs, and even just ten percent of the \$810 million being redirected could have an immediate and lasting impact in Milwaukee County. I am calling on U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, Governor Jim Doyle, Governor-Elect Scott Walker, and all of our federal and state representatives to take any and all action necessary to prioritize funding for our bus system."

###